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For: SEPTIC SYSTEM TANK

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Preliminary Amendment before first Office Action

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following amended paragraph:

[0037] As can be seen in Figs. 6-8, sidewall 182, generally cylindrical, having interior surface 130 and exterior surface 132, terminates in end portion 184 which has generally horizontal edge 134. Rim 176 extends from exterior surface of sidewall 182. Generally horizontal edge 136 of rim 176 is displaced radially outward and axially upward from edge 134 and defines the axial extent 186 of tank 160. Vertical element 140 which contains attachment hole 180 is attached to surface 130 and edge 134 and is flush with 142 edge 134. Element 140 is formed in a boss having an offset portion 146 that extends to surface 130 and to edge 134. Vertical rib 144 which is attached to surface 130 extends to edge 134, flush with 142 edge 134. Horizontal sill 172 connects cylindrical connector rim 176 to vertical walls 178. Cylindrical rim 176 is configured in size and in attachment holes 180 to mate with existing extension tubes for access from above ground to buried septic tank vessels or for a cover to seal the top of the tank when it is buried in the earth.

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